

Jan. 29, 2014

Minutes Conservation Commission Meeting

Attending members:

Myra Carlow, Virginia Gabert, Prue Berry Bob Clancy, Thom Chiofalo

Meeting called to order: 6:35

1) Review minutes from Nov. 21, 2013 Meeting. Myra proposes we accept and with Virginia seconding, it is passed unanimously.

2) 6:40 FY 14 Review of income and expenses see attached.

3) 6:50 Prepare Budget for FY 15. See attached Report.

Decide to increase operations request for added responsibilities of major Projects requiring experts in the field (ex. Seaboard Solar) Plus added monies for Trainings to keep up with changing demands of regulations.

Prue proposes acceptance of FY 15 budget. Thom seconds and it passes unanimously.

4) 7:10 Review of Annual Report for 2013 see attached

Thom proposes we accept annual Report and Prue seconds it. Passes unanimously.

5) 7:20 Review of Mail

6) Talk about where to find money for MACC Conference to be attended by Prue Virginia and Thom

7) Motion to close meeting by Bob, Myra seconds and passes unanimously.

7:35 Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved: _____

Myra Bennett Carlow Date: 4/10/14

Note for those involved in budget review: We have included this copy of the annual report for calendar 2013 to indicate the increasing number of tasks the conservation commission is being called upon to perform. The wetland laws and regulations are voluminous, complicated and frequently changing. In our efforts to assure that our decisions are fully-informed, we have both arranged for training for commission members and utilized an expert consultant. There are two sources for funding these activities: the Annual Operating Budget and the Revolving Fund for Wetlands Protection. During 2013 the commission spent \$1019, using both funds and members personal, unreimbursed funds. At this point in FY14 we expect to spend at least \$1203, using both the Operating and Revolving Fund.

Myra Carlow

ANNUAL REPORT—CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ROWE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The five-member Conservation Committee met as needed to address matters brought before it during the calendar year 2013.

Receipt of Notice of Intent

4/22/13 TransCanada Hydro, Northeast, proposed repairs to Sherman Dam area

5/24/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

5/17/13 Bertin Engineering for Seaboard Solar, proposed installation of solar array on Tunnel Rd.

10/15/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

Receipt of Request for Determination of Applicability

12/17/12 40 Shippee Rd., John Gates, proposed repair to septic system

2/20/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

7/19/13 86 Pond Rd., Rowe School, proposed re-building of Rowe School

7/24/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

11/19/13 49 Yankee Road, Yankee Atomic Electric Company, proposed building of an equipment shed

11/21/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed

Request from Franklin County Cooperative Inspectional Program (FCCIP) to Review Applications for Building Permits

At the request of the FCCIP, the Conservation Commission reviewed the Building Permit Applications and made site visits to *fourteen separate locations* to determine if the proposed construction would violate Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws. All fourteen applications were approved by the Commission

Exploratory Meetings with Property Owners Considering Work

The Commission met with representatives of Yankee Atomic Electric Company to discuss a proposed logging operation. It was determined that the appropriate course was to prepare and present to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) a Logging Plan for the work proposed. This was done.

Training and Education

In order to assure that members are fully educated and familiar with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws and Regulations, Commission members attended courses and training sessions prepared and presented by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), a DEP Wetlands Circuit Rider and Lattrell Ecological Consultants. A total of sixty-one volunteer hours were spent in training of Commission members.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Carlow, Chair
Virginia Gabert, Co-Chair
Thom Chiofalo, Clerk
Prudence Berry
Robert Clancy

Town of Rowe - Budget Worksheet Operations & Maintenance Detail

Department: _____

Date: _____

Description	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Operations: dues, annual conference, training,					200	500	1500
consulting, various administrative items							
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 1,500

